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A Christmas Carol.

There's a song in the air!
There's a star in the sky!
There's a mother's deep prayer,
And a baby's low cry!
And the star rains its fire while the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!

There's a tumult of joy
O'er the wonderful birth,
For the Virgin's sweet boy
Is the Lord of the earth.
Aye! the star rains its fire and the beautiful sing,
For the manger of Bethlehem cradles a king!

In the light of that star
Lie the ages impearled;
And that song from afar
Has swept over the world.
Every hearth is aflame, and the beautiful sing
In the homes of the nations that Jesus is king.

We rejoice in the light,
And we echo the song
That comes down through the night
From the heavenly throng.
Aye! we shout to the lovely evangel they bring,
And we greet in his cradle our Saviour and King.

—*J. G. Holland.*

THE GOLDEN GOOSE.

A CHRISTMAS LEGEND OF THE EARLY DAYS OF NEW YORK.

In the year 1609, two hundred and seventy-two years ago, and eleven years before the Mayflower landed the Pilgrims at Plymouth Rock, Henry Hudson, an Englishman, in command of the Dutch ship Half-moon, entered the magnificent harbor of New York, and was the first European who navigated the beautiful river now known by his name. The history of his voyage up the river to the present site of Albany is too familiar to repeat here, and it is sufficient to say that his discovery resulted in the Dutch claiming the territory, which they named New Netherlands, and the present site of New York they called New Amsterdam. The growth of the colony in New Amsterdam was not rapid; so that in 1664, when its name was changed to New York by the English, who had taken it from the Dutch, there was a population of only fifteen hundred people, and speaking eighteen different languages; and now the population is 1,265,000, and all the known tongues of the world are spoken here. The prosperity of New York dates from the arrival in 1647 of the brave and honest Peter Stuyvesant, the last of the Dutch governors.

Among the many Dutchmen who came from Holland was one Peter Van Arsdale, a fur trapper, with his wife and a daughter, whose name was Wilhelmina, fifteen years of age, and instantly acknowledged to be the very prettiest girl in the settlement. Van Arsdale was an independent and eccentric man, and though poor, was very honest and very religious, and all his interest seemed centered in the happiness of Wilhelmina. Soon after his arrival he purchased from Governor Stuyvesant a tract of land lying beyond the creek or canal, which is now Canal street, and erected a substantial log hut upon the exact spot where the St. Nicholas hotel now stands. Peter Van Arsdale pursued his vocation as a trapper of beavers along the creek and the shores of the Hudson, assisted by the beautiful Wilhelmina, who was his constant companion, unmolested by the Indians, who were his only neighbors, for his hut was far away from the fort and the settlement of New Amsterdam, which in those days did not extend beyond Bowling Green.

When Peter had accumulated beaver pelts enough to pay for the trip, he would go down to the settlement with them for sale or traffic for whatever he stood in need. On these trips he was generally accompanied by Wilhelmina, who had attracted the attention of a young New Amsterdam merchant, and who had fallen desperately in love with her, and upon the declaration of his ardor was delighted to find that it was fully reciprocated by the lovely girl.

Matters had progressed for some time between the young lovers, when Peter Van Arsdale was informed of the affair, and instead of raving, as some fathers would have done, he took a very sensible Dutch view of the case, and finding that the young merchant was worthy of Wilhelmina's affection, and that they really loved each other, he consented to their betrothal; but he was compelled to postpone the marriage for an indefinite time, for the reason that under the old Dutch laws no maiden could be married unless she was possessed of a dower, and Peter Van Arsdale had no dower to give his daughter except an uncertain lot of beaver pelts, and they were not sufficient to comply with the legal standard of the Dutch dowers.

This obstacle was a distressing discouragement to the young lovers, but none whatever to the sturdy old trapper, who said he had faith in his patron saint, who was none other than St. Nicholas (or Santa Claus), to whom he vowed he would pray each night and morning until he sent him a dower for his daughter, and so faithfully did he keep this word that he never missed praying to St. Nicholas each night and morning, so that it became a matter of public notoriety to all the inhabitants of New Amsterdam, and many ridiculed him, and among the most prominent sneerers was a certain dealer in furs named Jacobus Van Vechten, a close-fisted old fellow, to whom Van Arsdale sold many pelts. Whenever Peter went to dispose of his stock to the old fur dealer he would chafe Peter by tauntingly inquiring whether St. Nicholas had answered his prayer and sent him a dower for his daughter.

"No, no," the trapper would answer cheerily; "but he will at the proper time. Wilhelmina will be only eighteen next Christmas, and about that time St. Nicholas will send me the present of her dower." The hard-fisted old dealer would sneeringly laugh and call Peter a fool, and tell him his prayer would never be answered, and that his daughter, in consequence, would die an old maid.

Now, the old furrier Van Vechten had great dealings with one Andreas Van Terwilleger, who was an old miser and a money-lender, and who had advanced money to Van Vechten at large interest to buy furs; and to make up the interest and to get large profits in his furs, Van Vechten, in turn, never hesitated to cheat the poor trappers who sold him pelts, and among his victims whom he had swindled most, was poor, honest Peter Van Arsdale.

On the 1st of December, 1650, there was a large account standing between Van Terwilleger and Van Vechten, the latter being greatly in his debt, as he had borrowed an immense amount of gold from him to purchase pelts, and he consequently had a large stock on hand, because no ship had been chartered in many weeks to sail for Europe; so he had plenty of furs, but no gold.

Besides owing the old money-lender, Van Vechten was also indebted to Peter Van Arsdale and others; and as matters were getting hot for him, he faithfully promised that if the other merchants would charter no ship, he would do so by Christmas himself, and thereby raise money and liquidate his debts by the new year.

Peter Van Arsdale, who was a patient man, was one of the first who said he would wait, but he had in the mean time determined to call upon the old miser on Christmas Eve with furs enough to enable him to get money sufficient for him to purchase a Christmas gift for Wilhelmina and a few things for his good wife. So, when the day before Christmas came he made up his pack, and then kneeling, he prayed fervently to St. Nicholas to prosper him and soon send him a dowry present for his daughter; and, kissing Wilhelmina, whom he requested to stay at home with her mother, and telling the old lady to be of good cheer until his return, he set out with his pack of furs, assuring them he would be back in the morning with some good news, and they would have a merry Christmas.

He started down the narrow trail, for there was no Broadway then, and as he trudged along he alternately sang about old Admiral Von Trump, who had swept the seas with his nautical broom, and praying that St. Nicholas would not forget about the dowry. Peter arrived in the settlement which then clustered around the Battery, just as the tallow dips and rush lights were being lighted in the "Beaver Tail Tavern," then the only resort for the wayfarer in New Amsterdam. After partaking of some crullers and lighting his long-stemmed pipe, and without waiting for supper, he went directly to see the old miser and offered him his furs, telling him he did not wish to dispose of them to Van Vechten, because he could get no money, which he must have that night. The old miser cursed Van Vechten bitterly, and said if he did not pay him the money he owed him soon, he would be ruined, and then driving a hard bargain with Peter Van Arsdale, he told him he was going to surprise him by making him a present. This announcement almost took the breath from the trapper, and this is the way it came about: The old money-lender said he had sent to Jacobus Van Vechten that very morning for his money for the last time, threatening him with law, and that Van Vechten, instead of sending him the money, and to add insult to injury, had sent him a great, fat goose, with a message that St. Nicholas had told him to send it to him as a Christmas gift, and that he was so enraged at this deception of Van Vechten that he was about to cast the goose out in the road when the trapper came in, and he said that as Van Vechten had sent the goose to him in the name of St. Nicholas, as much as to say that he (Van Terwilleger) was a goose, it occurred to him at the instant to give it to Peter Van Arsdale as a present from St. Nicholas as he knew he prayed to the saint; and so the goose, which was a big, fat one, indeed, was duly transferred to the possession of Peter Van Arsdale, who accepted it with words of true thanks.

Peter was so overjoyed with his good luck that after purchasing some stuff for a gown for Wilhelmina and some trinkets for his wife, and after partaking a hearty supper at the Half-Moon tavern, the night being cold and clear, he trudged homeward. When he reached his cabin he was almost ready to fall down with fatigue, for the goose was the heaviest he had ever carried. He found that his wife and daughter were fast asleep, so he thought he would play a trick upon Wilhelmina, and instead of putting the stuff for the gown near her stocking, which she had hung up at the chimney corner for St. Nicholas to fill, he placed the goose there, and wrote on a slip of paper, "St. Nicholas sends this goose as a dower and a merrie Christmas for Wilhelmina," and with a merry twinkle in his eye and a happy heart, after thanking St. Nicholas for the goose, he quietly slipped into bed, and was soon in a blissful sleep, and knew nothing again until the early dawn, when he heard the merry voice of Wilhelmina calling him to come immediately and see the dower St. Nicholas had sent her, and her light laughter was such as he had never heard before. So he soon arose with his good wife, and Wilhelmina ran and embraced them and kissed them, and wishing them a merry Christmas, and said she would soon be married, for St. Nicholas had at last answered her father's prayers, and conducting her parents to the kitchen she pointed to the great, fat goose lying on the table, completely surrounded by immense heaps of glittering, gold coins.

Peter Van Arsdale gazed in confused wonderment at the sight, as though in a dream, while Wilhelmina explained: "I found the goose this morning, with St. Nicholas' note, and so I brought it out here, thankful to have even such a gift, and I immediately commenced to prepare it for our Christmas dinner. After I had singed it I placed it on the table, for it was very heavy, and when I thrust the knife into it something hard was hit. I made a long incision, and then lifted the goose up to see what strange thing had struck the knife, when out flowed not golden eggs, but all these heaps of golden coins, and so St. Nicholas has answered your prayer; and I'll soon be married."

Now, to end this true Christmas legend, which happened in old New York two hundred and thirty-two years ago, it must be told how this goose came to give the shower of gold for Wilhelmina, and made her the happy bride of the young Amsterdam merchant. It happened in this wise: On that Christmas eve, Jacobus Van Vechten had succeeded in chartering a ship, and had received a large advance in gold on his stock of furs from the old Dutch skipper who commanded the craft, and Jacobus thought he would give the old miser, Andreas Van Terwilleger, a genuine surprise, and so he bought the biggest goose he could find in all New Amsterdam, and when he had had it killed and drawn, he stuffed it full of gold coins, covering the amount he owed the old money-lender, and then neatly sewed it up and sent it to him with the pretended message that it was a gift from St. Nicholas supposing that when the old fellow discovered the trick he would have a good laugh. The sequel shows there were surprises all around, and the descendants of Peter Van Arsdale, who live in New York to this day, tell the story of the beautiful ancestress, Wilhelmina, and the golden goose, and the legend has passed into the truthful Dutch history of New Amsterdam, only the insignia of the Society of St. Nicholas, instead of being a cock, as seen on the weather-vane of the St. Nicholas hotel, should be a big, fat—Golden Goose.

Four and Twenty Blackbirds.

There is often a great deal of sense in the Mother Goose rhymes, if only we know what is intended to be taught by them. A writer in *Golden Days* thus explains the story of the "four and twenty blackbirds:" The birds are the twenty-four hours. The bottom of the pie is the earth, and the top crust the sky that overreaches it. The opening of the pie is dawn of day, when the birds begin to sing. "The King sitting in the parlor counting out his money," is the sun, and the golden pieces that slip through his fingers are the golden sunshine. The Queen in the kitchen is the moon, and the honey with which she relishes herself is the moonlight. The maid is the day dawn and the clothes she hangs out are the clouds; while the bird who "nips off her nose" is the hour of sunrise.

QUEER FISH.

Members of the Finny Tribe with a Language.

A writer in the Philadelphia *Times*, writing of his experiences among the fishermen of Marblehead, says: "Among the fishes here that utter sounds are the dogfish, the cunner, angler, etc. The former, as might be expected, utters a short bark, something like that of a dog. In all about fifty fishes are known that have a language. Our skipper informs us that when he was 'a-whalin'' he has heard whales cry out, and that blackfish utter a strange sound is a common belief along the coast, but as these are mammals it might be expected. It is difficult to determine how the sound is made. In some it is due to the action of the pneumatic duct and swimming-bladder, while in others it may be made involuntarily by the lips or the pharyngeal or intermaxillary bones. In the curious trigla that one of the party landed the swimming-bladder has a diaphragm and muscles for opening and closing it, producing a gentle, murmuring sound. In the catfishes, that are noted 'talkers,' the sounds are produced by their forcing air from the air-bladder into the œsophagus. This is also the case with the eel, whose voice is said to be the most musical of all fishes, having a metallic trill to it. Perhaps the loudest-voiced fish is the grunt—a fish of the genus *Hœmulon*—their noise having been heard two hundred feet away.

"That fishes uttered sounds was well known to the ancients. Aristotle mentions a fish by the name of choiros, or pig, as inhabiting the River Clitor, in the Mediterranean, and as being one of the fishes that have the power of emitting sounds. On a visit to Batticarla, on the north coast of Ceylon, Sir Emerson Tennent heard wonderful tales of musical sounds that were alleged to issue from the bottom of the lake, and on the lake, in a boat, on a calm night, he distinctly heard, he says, the sounds. They came up from the water like the gentle thrills of a musical chord or the faintest vibrations of a wine-glass when its rim is rubbed by a wet finger. It was not one sustained note, but a multitude of tiny sounds, each clear and distinct in itself. In the days of old Rome eels were believed to talk, and the Emperor Augustus professed to understand their language. The loudest sounds are made by the pagonias, or drum-fish, and the prionotus, called the pig-fish on the Jersey coast, because of the loud croaks it gives utterance to when drawn to the shore in nets. Professor Baird, who investigated this, has expressed the opinion that the sounds came from the belly of the fish. The maigre makes a strange, cooing noise, not unlike a moan, accompanied by a sharp croak, which has been heard at a depth of two hundred feet. Another genus of this fish is called by the Italians corvo, or crow. The sound of a bell, which is occasionally heard from the depths of the Mediterranean Sea, is attributed by some to the corvo, while others think that shelly mollusks produce these singular sounds. The sleeper in his berth has often been startled by the peculiar noises made by the drum-fish on our own coast, and Sir John Richardson says that he was prevented from sleeping by the noise made by these fish when off the coast of Carolina."

Lieutenant John White also says that on his voyage to China, when his ship was anchored at the mouth of the River Camboya, the sailors were much astonished at the curious sounds that issued from the water, resembling the bass of an organ mingled with the tones of a bell, the croaking of an enormous frog and the clang of an immense harp. These sounds swelled into a gentle chorus on both sides of the ship and were attributed by the interpreter to a school of fish. A similar occurrence in the South Sea was described by Baron Humboldt. The sailors were greatly terrified at about seven o'clock in the evening by an extraordinary noise in the air, like the beating of tambourines, followed by sounds which resembled the escape of air from boiling liquid. At 9 o'clock these strange sounds, which, it was judged proceeded from a school of scioenoides, ceased. The gizzard shad, known scientifically as the lorosoma, utters a distinct, vibratory, whining sound. The mullet utters a distinct note, often quite prolonged, and accompanied by a discharge of air-bubbles.

The Ocean Full of Life.

The fact is revealed that everywhere in the lowest depths the ocean is full of life, as proven by observations taken at three hundred and sixty-two stations, in traversing a route of nearly 70,000 miles. The physical conditions of the ocean, as to depth and temperature, determine the variety which may exist in any particular locality. Much valuable information has been gathered respecting the configuration of the earth's surface, often refuting theories heretofore accepted as fact. The coral islands of the Pacific Ocean are accustomed to rise in many instances from depths much greater than are found in the Atlantic, while the latter has a great submarine ridge extending through it at an average depth of two miles, with a trough on either side from three to four miles deep.

The Production of Quinine.

The next step in the relief of malarious sickness on the grand scale was the extraction of the alkaloid quinine from the cinchona-bark. The powdered bark was not only very unpalatable, but it was cumbrous to carry and dispense, and, although the principle of the remedy remained the same, it has proved of infinitely greater service in the form of quinine, and in the form of the cheap alkaloidal mixture known in Bengal as "quinetum." The first extraction of an alkaloid was in the case of morphia, from opium, in 1805; the discoverer was an apothecary of Hameln, who was rewarded rather better than the celebrated piper of that town, for the French academy of Sciences voted him two thousand francs. Quinine was discovered in 1820 by the French chemists Pelletier and Caventou. The sciences and arts of botany and practical forestry, of chemistry and practical pharmacy, are now all concerned in the production of this most invaluable of remedies. The commerce of the world has taken cinchona in hand, and there are now plantations of the trees not unworthy to be named beside those of coffee and tea. The value of the crude bark imported into England alone in 1822 was nearly two millions sterling. The original and native cinchona region on the damp eastern slopes of the Andes in Peru is still a source of wealth, and a still greater source of wealth are the new plantations on the Andes in Bolivia. The Indian Government has successively cultivated the bark on a large scale in the Nilghiri Hills in Madras and more recently at Darjiling in the Himalayas; while a crowd of private planters have followed in the same enterprise in Coorg, Travancore, and Ceylon. The Dutch Government, who were the pioneers of cinchona cultivation, have found the climate and soil of Java well adapted for the species and varieties of trees most rich in quinine. Jamaica is the latest field to which this new and ever-increasing industry has extended.

The Greatest Earthquake.

The most violent earthquake of modern times was that which in 1755 visited Lisbon, the capital of Portugal. The greater part of the buildings were thrown down, terrible chasms opened, and swallowed habitations and people. The city had then a population of 150,000. The shock was instantly followed by the fall of every church and convent and most of the public buildings, and more than one-quarter of the shops and private dwellings. The event occurred on a holy-day, when the churches and convents were full of people, very few of whom escaped. The earth opened and shut like the jaws of an enormous vise. An ineffable terror seized upon those who were not instantly killed. To add to the consternation, a conflagration broke out on all sides, and raged for three days. More than 30,000 people perished. The shock of this earthquake was felt away up among the Swiss mountains, on the coast of Greenland, at the Barbadoes, at Gibraltar, and along the shores of the Mediterranean. Lisbon seemed to have been near the center of subterranean agitations. It is remarkable that although Portugal had been known in former times as an earthquake region, the ground had been quiet for more than a hundred years.

An Idyl of the Train.

The poet laureate of the New York *Morning Journal* has perpetrated the following: "She stood up in a horse car, That maid, with careless grace; And oft the bold conductor Appeared to scan her face. Her eyes were large and dreamy, And golden was her hair; Her crimson cheeks were creamy, And he was—passing fare. Alone she leaned that morning, Against the sliding door, And, all their glances scorning, She eyed the sitters o'er. While there she stood reflecting, The man with dimes and cents, Was busily collecting With industry intense. But in his private pocket, No dimes he slipped that morn; And, listless from each socket, His arms hung down forlorn. 'Why does he gaze so wildly?' The modest maiden thought. While, fumbling his cash mildly, He muttered 'I am caught.' His stare became so rigid, The maiden was in despair, And, with a glance most frigid, She sought the outer air. Why did her face burn hotter? And why was he not cool? He took her for a 'spotter,' She thought he was a fool."

PEARLS OF THOUGHT.

Failure should be the stepping-stone to ——

Who can answer where any road leads to?—*Lucile.*

Stay not until you are told of opportunities to do good; inquire after them.

The best rule for good looks is to keep happy and cultivate a kind disposition.

Be always displeased at what thou art, if thou desire to attain to what thou art not; for where thou hast pleased thyself there thou abidest.

Of all the gifts that nature can give us, the faculty of remaining silent, or of answering apropos, is perhaps the most useful.

In enterprise of every kind, it is better to lose the game by a card too much than a card too little; for it sounds better to be rash and daring than timorous and cowardly.

Success is obtained by mixing two parts of common sense with three parts of will, and stirring both in the bowl of ambition, with the spoon of perseverance.

Laziness grows on people. It begins in cobwebs and ends in iron chains The more business a man has to do the more he is able to accomplish, for he learns to economize his time.

Oddities in Fur.

Some there are, with an abundance of wealth and a thirsting desire for novelty, who indulge their taste in oddities. A wealthy New York lady last season wore a full set of furs of leopard skin, and not to be outdone, one of her neighbors secured a similar set of tiger skins, and since then both of these furs are in moderate use.

The tiger skin rose in price, and one season about two years since the market was completely exhausted. Some gentlemen wear vests of this skin, thus following the eccentric style adopted many years ago by the far-famed General Sam Houston, of Texas.

Our common wild cat is much used, being a handsome fur at moderate prices. As for skunk skins, in Europe they are readily sold for trimming muffs and dresses, but here they must receive a new christening before being used to any considerable extent. Sometimes they bear the name of the Australian mink, at others, any name to suit the fashion.

The fur of the house cat is much used—black, white, Maltese and tortoise-shell having the preference. Last year the fur of over 1,200,000 house cats was used by the trade.

Monkey skins are by no means overlooked, and 42,000 skins were used last season by furriers. The fur of the Abyssinian Diana and black monkeys are preferred, they being mostly used in trimming. In the trimming of garments ofttimes a most incongruous set of animals are made to harmonize. For instance, monkey, skunk and cats are all side by side in a trimming known only to purchasers as Hoang Ho seal. The skins of rats, mice, dogs, opposum, kangaroo and bay lynx are salable, the latter finding much use in muffs and boas. The coon hair finds special favor in Germany, where it is made into hats. Hair of the ox and calf is used in the imitation of woolen goods. Our skunk, white backed and striped, is in Germany dyed and made up into muffs and boas, and so disguised we readily buy it as Alaska sable. Tartar sable dyed passes off readily as Russian sable, bearded sealskin finely imitates leopard skin, while the beach marten copies the sable and fox skins pass for lynx. Three million muskrat skins were collected last year, and 15,000 American bear skins and the same number of buffalo robes were used. Every year there are used 5,000,000 rabbit skins, 6,000,000 squirrel, 3,000,000 lamb, and there is scarcely an animal that has hair but what is used in some way. The beaver sacques so largely sold in Canada are rarely seen here, as they are deemed too heavy for this climate.—*Cincinnati News.*

The Farm.

There are 4,000,000 families in the United States. An exchange wants to know if anybody can conceive of the value of even a little improvement on each one of these farms in a year. It says that on every farm there should be "more thorough cultivation, better implements, and above all, better care taken of them; better fences, better barns, better stock, better homes, and more home enjoyments, more social gatherings, more family picnics, in which the help are allowed to participate; more products about the farm for boys and girls to have a personal interest in; more good books and papers; more smiles and fewer frowns; forbearance; less impatience; more pleasant words at home; more time and sunlight in the parlor, and no room about the house, nor anything about the farm "too good" for father, mother, boys and girls to enjoy.

Guests at Yule.

Noel! Noel!
Thus sounds each Christmas bell,
Across the winter snow.
But what are the little footprints all
That mark the path from the churchyard wall?
They are those of the children waked to-night
From sleep by the Christmas bells at light:
Ring sweetly, chimes! Soft, soft, my rhymes!
Their beds are under the snow.

Noel! Noel!
Carols each Christmas bell.
What are the wraiths of mist
That gather anear the window-pane
Where the winter frost all day has lain?
They are soulless elves, who fain would peer
Within, and laugh at our Christmas cheer:
Ring fleetly, chimes! Swift, swift, my rhymes!
They are made of the mocking mist.

Noel! Noel!
Cease, cease, each Christmas bell!
Under the holly bough,
Where the happy children throng and shout,
What shadow seems to flit about?
Is it the mother, then, who died
Ere the greens were sere last Christmas-tide?
Hush, falling chimes! Cease, cease, my rhymes!
The guests are gathered now.

—*Edmund C. Steadman.*

HUMOROUS.

Bovine towns—Moscow, Stamboul and Lenox.

The proper place for undressed kids is in the bath-tub.

"Beauty is kin deep," remarked the old beau, as he kissed his pretty cousin.

The cat show is over, and æsthetic Boston has ceased to court the mewses.

"Sofa so good," remarked the young man who couldn't get too close to his best girl.

First impressions are lasting, as the gentleman remarked when the trip-hammer came down on his fingers.

Now is the season of shiver and shake,
And prolific flow of the nose,
When mortals jump hastily into bed,
And cover their heads with the clothes.

"Never try to take fencing lessons of a barbed-wire fence," said the joker, "it brings a man a little too much, 'up to the scratch.'"

"Waiter, bring me eleven raw oysters." "We don't give eleven, sir; we give six, or twelve." "No, twelve would never do; we should be thirteen at table!"

Mr. Spurgeon, the famous London preacher, being asked whether a man could be a Christian and belong to a brass band, replied, "Yes, I think he might; but it would be a very difficult matter for his next door neighbor to be a Christian."

An oyster will live to the age of twenty-six years—that is, in the sea he will. In the restaurant the chances are decidedly against him. Sometimes he lasts a long time in the restaurant—oh, a very long time! But he does not live nearly as long as he lasts.

The Daily Life of Prince Bismarck.

Bismarck does not arise until 8 or 9 o'clock, sometimes later, especially when the Reichstag is in session, says a correspondent, describing the daily life of the German chancellor. Then he sips brandy and seltzer, takes a short stroll, and on his return goes to his study, where he sips coffee, nibbles at hard brown toast and reads the newspapers, while his secretary is opening the letters. Bismarck, so the undersecretary told me, opens many of the letters himself. He professes to despise newspapers and writers, but the servants all know that he looks at every article. Breakfast is served shortly before noon, and the family dine at one table. Bismarck likes soft boiled eggs and fried eggs done brown, with thin slices of bacon done to a crisp. He will dot eat white bread or any kind of fresh-baked bread. He drinks black coffee without cream or milk, and if he has been up late he drinks four or five cups, with a small glass of brandy in the first cup. Mutton chops and rare beefsteak suit him, but he is a light eater. His wife and the children, however, must have dainty dishes, with fresh rolls, and remain at the table an hour, chatting or reading the papers. Dinner is set out at six o'clock in the evening, and unless guests are present it is very plain, but at all other times it is a grand affair. Bismarck eats meat and vegetables and brown bread, but his wife and the children are fond of pastry and confections. Bismarck drinks Moselle, Tokay or Johannisberger wines, and occasionally he has a mug of stock lager. Generally there are from five to twenty guests at dinner. Bismarck remains at home in the evening reading or writing, unless the Reichstag is in session, or he has to go to some reception or conference, and tea is served at midnight. He seldom retires to his bedchamber until two o'clock. His room is not carpeted, but there is a mat in front of the plain bed."

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Missionary Society meets on the third Monday evening of each month.

Methodist.

Rev. Furman Adams Preacher-in-charge.

Regular services next Sunday evening.

Sunday School at 10½ A.M.—D. A Musser, Sup't.

Reformed.

Rev. Zwingli A. Yearick, Pastor.

Preaching in Aaronsburg next Sunday evening

Mite society meets regularly on the first Tuesday evening of each month.

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Sunday School, 9 A. M.—A. R. Alexander, Supt.

Lutheran.

Rev. John Tomlinson, Pastor.—

Preaching in Millheim next Sunday morning, and in Aaronsburg in the afternoon.

Sunday School at 9 A.M. B. O. Deininger, Supt

The Augsburg Bible Class meets every Thursday evening at 7 o'clock.

Ladies' Mite Society meets on the first Monday evening of each month.

Presbyterian.

Rev. W. K. Foster, Pastor.

Lodge & Society Directory.

Millheim Lodge, No. 955, I. O. O. F. meets in heir hall, Penn Street, every Saturday evening. Rebecca Degree Meeting every Thursday on or before the full moon of each month.
C. W. HARTMAN, Sec. E. W. MAUCK, N. G.

Providence Grange, No. 217 P. of H., meets in Alexander's block on the second Saturday of each month at 1½, P. M., and on the fourth Saturday of each month at 1½ P. M.
D. L. ZERBY, Sec. T. G. EHRARD, Master.

The Millheim B. & L. Association meets in the Penn street school house on the evening of the second Monday of each month.
A. WALTER, Sec. B. O. DEININGER, Prest.

The Millheim Cornet Band meets in the Town Hall on Monday and Thursday evenings.
J. H. B. HARTMAN, Sec. SAM. WEISER, JR, Pres.

At Last.

The legislature of Pennsylvania adjourned at noon, Thursday last the 6th instant, after an extra session of six weary months, during which absolutely nothing was done excepting the passage of a judicial apportionment bill. And yet both houses passed bills voting themselves full pay for the entire session, some $1700 per member for the extra session alone, besides about $1500 each for the regular session that preceded. And this in the face of the fact that both houses stood pledged by solemn resolution to take no pay after September 10th. The action of the two houses in this respect is on a par, and is simply shameful, disgraceful beyond the power of words to describe.

Governer Pattison tried hard to save the state treasury from this wholesale and most outrageous grab—this gigantic robbery under the *forms* of law, but without avail. He vetoed the principal parts of the salary bills, giving as good and sound reasons for his disapproval as a Governer ever wrote, but our daisies of Legislators repassed the bill over the Governer's veto. They take their princely pay—not for work performed, for labor done—but for idling and loafing around Harrisburg for six full months, to the everlasting shame of our good old commonwealth.

It would be manifestly unfair to censure and condemn all the members equally. No doubt there are some exceptions to the general run. Some may have acted honorably and honestly in this matter by refusing full pay for the long time so disreditably thrown away. But the record must speak for or against each and every individual member. Those who are able to do so should speeedily purge themselves from the general and lasting disgrace that attaches to the aggregate carcass. The people will know what their servants did, and all who can not show up a clean record might as well make up their minds that their career as *statesmen* has ended.

ALTHOUGH the defeat of Mr. Randall for Speaker is a sore disappointment to his political and personal friends throughout the country, and especially to the democrats of Pennsylvania, it must be conceded that Mr. Carlisle is a most excellent choice for the important place. Personally he is an able statesman, an excellent parliamentarian and his public life presents an exceptionally clean record, while his address on assuming the chair is all that could be desired. His conservative words on the tariff question are calculated to allay apprehension on that score, and if he follows out the course indicated there will be no radical changes in onr tariff and revenue laws and no violent disturbances of our manufacturing, commercial and industrial business need be feared.

PRESIDENT ARTHUR'S message is considered a fair average document of the kind, without anything new or startling in it. It is thought that the President will make the Mississippi river improvements, the Hennepin Canal and other public works the subject of special messages to Congress. Reference to these subjects was ommitted from the regular messages, with the view of treating them more in detail in supplemental communications.

THE following article from the Pittsburg *Post*, portrays the sins of the recent legislature in strong and truthful language. The *Post*, however is a trifle too one-sided. While thesaction of the republican senate is simply indefensible, yea, disgraceful to the lowest degree, the democratic house is also highly censurable, although not to the same extent—for prolonging the utterly useless session for months after it was painfully apparent that it would be entirely barren of results. Had the advice of Senator Wallace, Chairman Hensel and others of the best men in the party been heeded and an adjournment agreed to after the senate had issued its ultimatum, the house would have saved itself from individual and collective disgrace, and the party very probably from an ignoble defeat at the polls :

Let It Go.

It adjourns after having expanded over half a million of dollars, without performing the neglected duties of the regular sesion, for which the governor in obedience to his constitutional duty convented it.

It adjourns leaving the representation of the state in congress and the legislature unequal, unjust and illegal; in defiance of the laws of congress and of the solemn oaths of the members.

It adjourns after having established a monstrous precedent of partisan unfairness and wrong that may cause grave disasters to representative government in the future.

It adjourned at a crittical period of the industrial history of the commonwealth, with the possibility that its rejection of the constitutional mandate and federal law may cause the state the loss of its representation in the next congress.

It adjourns after having perpetuated, in the interest of a politcal boss, systems of representation that are insulting to the people, dishonest and illegal.

For this chapter of wrongs the republican senate, acting under the orders of Boss Cameron, is responsible. It abdicated its legislative functions, but with the dishonesty of highwaymen grabbed full pay from the treasury for its neglect of duty and moral perjury. It voted itself thousands, not for work done, but for work avoided and rejected. "Monstrous as such a claim would be under any circumstances," well and truthfully said Governor Pattison, "it is yet the more repugnant to law, equity and common sense, when asserted by officals who menace the very existence of republican government by refusing to obey the plainest and most imperative of constitutional commands and give to the people the most sacred and valuable of political rights."

No legislative body has ever met in the Union that showed itself so avaricious of the people's money as the senate, or so intent on grabbing every penny it could dishonestly claim. No southern bull-dozer or rotten-borough champions in old England, haye proved themselves such adepts in devising and perpetuating swindling and thieving schemes to disfranchise the people.

Let the senate go. It has achieved an infamy never attained by its predecessors and hardly possible to its succescors. It has been false to the constitution, to its oaths, and to vital interests of the people. The early days of the session were devoted to conspiracies of disfranchisement for Boss Cameron's profit. The closing days to petty larceny for individual profit.

THE Harrisburg *Patriot* bestows the following graceful but deserved compliment upon Brother Meek of the *Workingman*, for the able and satisfactory manner in which he discharged his duties as Chief Clerk of the Honse. Mr. Meek, has made a record of which he may well feel proud :

An Honorable Record.

On Saturday last Mr. P. Gray Meek, chief clerk of the house of representatives, completed the settlement of his accounts, turned over to the governor the remnant of the state's property in his charge and left for his home. In his departure he carried with him not only the conciousness of having discharged his duty with fidelity but the respect alike of the members and citizens with whom his official duties brought him into contact.

During the protracted sessions in which Mr. Meek presided at the clerk's desk, covering a period of eleven months, he has been an intelligent and zealous champion of economy and reform. He has been faithful to every obligation which the arduous duties of the office imposed.

Mr. Meek is to be congratulated that his labors are ended. For nearly eight of the eleven months of service his work has been without compensation. But this fact never suggested to his mind the expedient of slighting his duties or neglecting his obligations. To the end he was punctual, ready and faithful. Though his term is one that did not add materially to his means, he has recompense in the universal esteem in which he is held. His associates on the desk, Elbridge McConkey and S. W. Shadle, share with him this priceless reward, but in their honor his satisfaction is multiplied.

Washington News and Gossip.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 8, 1883.

Mr. Carlisle's friends say that he has not in any way committed himself as regards the construction of the House committees. The assumption, they say, that certain men will occupy prominent places is based entirely upon their presumed fitness for the positions, and does not dispose of the possibility that Mr. Carlisle may make entirely different selections. The only chairmanship that it is quite evident is disposed of is that of the Ways and Means. The rest are in doubt, to say the least, and any attempt to name the personnel of the committee would be an assumption which facts would not warrant. The only thing Mr. Carlisle has given his friends to understandas positively settled is that the Ways and Means Committee will be placed under the control of the new members from the West, who were elected upon the tariff issue. This would preclude any slate made up merely with regad to the known fitness of certain old and tried members.

That Mr. Randall will get the chairmanship of the Committee on Appropriations is certainly not positively settled, though his fitness for that position is generally conceded. Mr. Blackburn's friends are urging upon the Speaker the appointment of that gentleman to the position, and, as Mr. Carlisle has not committed himself upon that point, there is no reason to assume that he may not select Mr. Blackburn in preference to Mr. Randall.

It is a matter of common remark that there are more young men in Congress than have been observed among the membership hitherto. In the House there are fifty members, so says one who has made inquiry, under forty years of age. The youngest member is Mr. Post, of Pennsylvania, who is now 27. The youngest Senator is Mr. Kenna, of West Virginia, now 35. The question of interest is : What is bringing the young men to the front in politics ? An examination of the faces of the Representatives, as they sit at their desks, will show that the proportionate majority of young men is with the Democrats. Said a Republican who studies the current of politics attentively : "One of my principal fears for the future arises from the visible fact that the young Democrats are asserting themselves. They are taking control of the party, and that means an opposition to us of decision and aggression. The old Democrats have been made timid by frequent defeat. They are afraid to take a positive stand, and their vacillating course has helped the Republicans to many a victory. But these youngsters are now crowding the old fellows to the rear, and their influence is felt already. Why, just look. The young element has captured about all the offices of the House ! The old fogies were beaten out of their boots. And I tell you, the Republican party will have to fight hereafter for all it gets." HOWARD.

NO WONDER.

A Man That Suffered Mental and Physical Agony Eight Years Proclaims His Happiness.

Mental agony is dreadful, but when that and a physicel ailment combine, it is simply terrible. Such was the condition of George W. Frampton, of Huntington, W. Va. for eight years, He was a sufferer of necroses: that is the leg-bone at the ankle was inflamed and mortified, which caused a running sore. He says: "Pieces of bone the size of a silver three cent piece came out of the sore on my leg. The discharge from the sore was almost continual, and I was unable to walk. For eight years I had been doctoring. I have been under the treatment of a physician at Newport, Ky., for a year; another at Burlington, Ohio, attended me for three years, and a doctor here at Huntington worked with me for a long time. None of them did me any good, and they all finally said my case was hopeless. [A few months ago I commenced trying PERUNA, and now I am well. I can walk as goed as anybody, and have perfect use of my limb. Words are inadequate to describe the mental agony I suffered when I thought I was always to be a sufferer. The thought of the affliction caused me more distress than the sore, so that the two combined was indeed agony. Being now free from both mental and physical suffering, my happiness knows no bounds. PERUNA has furnished me that which I prayed for during my eight years of suffering."

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LEGAL ADVERTISEMENTS.

ADMINISTRATRIX' NOTICE.—Letters of administration on the estate of Nathan Korman, late of Penn township, deceased, having been granted to the subscriber, all persons knowing themsselves indebted to said estate are hereby requested to make immediate payment and those having claims to present them duly proven for settlement.
ANNIE KORMAN,
49-6t. Administratrix.

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP.—The partnership heretofore existing between R. M. Wolfe and C. W. Hosterman is this day dissolved by mutual consent. The old accounts of Wolfe & Hosterman have been placed in the handsof R. M. Wolfe for settlement.
R. M. WOLFE,
C. W. HOSTERMAN.
Woodward, Aug. 4th, 1883. 3t

ESTRAY NOTICE.—Came to the residenc of the subscriber in Miles township, about the 1st of August last, two stray heifers, each about ten months old. The one is of a light red color, white at the head and has a small piece cut out of the right ear; the other is roan colored, red head and a small piece cut out of right ear. The owner is requested to pay expenses and take them away, otherwise they will be sold as the law directs.
GEO. W. GEISWITE.
Nov. 8th, 1883 3m

EXECUTOR'S NOTICE.—Letters testamentary on the estate of George Bollinger, late of Haines township, Centre Co., Pa., deceased, having been granted to the subscriber, all persons knowing themselves indebted to said estate are hereby notified to make immediate payment, and those having claims against the same, to present them duly proven for settlement.
H. A. MINGLE,
Aaronsbnrg, Dec. 6th, 1883. Executor.

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The Millheim Journal.

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 13., 1883.

BY DEININGER & BUMILLER.

LOCAL DEPARTMENT.

READ THIS.—Grand opening of a fine line of Holiday Goods at J. Eisenhuth's Drug Store, Millheim, on and after December 13th, where will always be found a full line of pure Drugs, Chemicals, and all the standard Patent Medicines of merit, which will be sold as cheap as the cheapest, for cash. Come, see, and be convinced. 4t

—Smith's German Olio is a standard family medicine.

—Ladies' Coats a speciality, at Dinges, Vonada & Co's, Coburn.

—The old Journal office is being changed into a Photograph Gallery.

—Holiday Goods in abundance at Dinges, Vonada & Co'. store, Coburn.

—The boys were out serenading the two newly married couples on Monday night.

—Lots of visitors every day at the new JOURNAL office—to see how it all is and works.

—W. T. Mauck & Son's furniture establishment on Penn Street is full of elegant furniture.

—Last week Mr. Thomas Zeigler and his men burned the brick for the new Evangelical church.

—The Bellefonte bridge is done at last. What will the papers of that town now do for locals?

—Coming! an elegant line of Holiday goods, at the new Journal Store, Penn Street, Millheim, Pa.

—Dr. Stam bought Henry Krumrine's property at Spring Mills, including grain house and elevator.

—Do not fail to visit the big store at Coburn, Dinges Vonada & Co., Proprietors

—A new fancy goods store is coming to town and will occupy D. W. Zeigler's building, next to Alexander's.

—Last week a very fine monument was erected at the grave of the late Judge Runkle, by Deininger & Musser.

—The editor left for Philadelphia on Tuesday, to buy Holiday goods. He expects to return by to-morrow or Saturday.

FOR SALE.—Two more Piano or Chime Organs, on the cash or instalment plan.
C. F. GEPHART.

—For fine Monuments and Headstones the Millheim Marble Works is the leading and best place in the county. tf

—Editor Whitman of the Lewisburg *Journal* proposes to issue a small daily paper soon. We wish brother Whitman success.

—Brother Kurtz, of the Reporter, called to see us at our new quarters on Saturday, and expressed himself much pleased with it.

—All the stores in town are preparing for the Holidays. The Journal Store is the last, but by no means the least to get into shape.

—Mr. Elias Kreamer of Winfield, Union Co., Pa., was here this week, attending the funeral of his deceased brother, Mr. Jonathan Kreamer.

—The farm of Samuel Shafer, deceased, near Madisonburg, will be offered for sale by Samuel Gramley, Trustee, on Monday, December 31st. 1883.

—Beautiful weather last week—just the kind needed to finish up the building. Yes, Providence will not forsake those who put their trust in Him.

—The question who is the prettiest man in Bellefonte has been decided in favor of landlord McMillen, of the Brockerhoff House. Good for Mac.

—The citizens of Selinsgrove are holding meetings to get up a furniture factory. When will the citizens of Millheim meet for some such purpose.

—At Hartman's Foundry is the place to get the worth of your money. He sells Sled Soles at 3 cts. per lb., and pays 1½ cts. per lb., for old metal. 3t

—Every man should take receipts when he pays his taxes, and to do this with system and order a Ready Refrence Tax Receipt Book is indispensable.

—Last week Mr. Henry Corman of Rebersburg, shot a monster wild cat, on Brush mountain. Just what these ugly *critters* are good for, even when shot, we are not informed. Never heard whether they are particularly good to eat.

—Mrs. Emma J. Tomlinson has began dressmaking and will spare no labor to please all her customers. Mrs. T. has some experience in her trade and feels sure that she can give entire satisfaction to ladies favoring her with their patronage.

—The carpenters have about completed their work at the Lutheran church. Next come the painters—then the dear ladies with their fine furniture and lovely carpets—then *dedication*. But that will not be on the Holidays. Probably in January, D. V.

—Landlord Musser, who had been ill for the last few weeks, is able to be about again.

—Our friend B. F. Miller is down with a spell of sickness. Last week his case was somewhat serious but he is much better since. He has the sincere sympathy of the community.

—The JOURNAL office was moved last week, by degrees, and by Monday evening at the latest, we expect to have the store moved also, after which we do not care to have any more flitting for the next ten years.

—H. A. Mingle, executor will sell the valuable homestaed of the late George Bollinger, situate in Aaronsburg, Saturday Decbr. 22nd, inst. It is a very desirable property and should bring a good price. 2t

—The Rebersburg Musical Convention on Christmas week promises to be a full success. The committee is very active to get everything in best shape and the people of the hospitable town will second the work of the committee with a will. The convention will be an affair worth going to see and hear.

—Mr. J. Willis Musser has bought out the stage route from Woodward to Millheim, but also goes to Coburn every morning. He carries express and other goods from all points along the line at very moderate charges, and continues the calf and poultry business. tf

—THE trial of James Nutt for the murder of N. L. Dukes began at Uniontown last Wednesday. Out of fifty jurors examined but one was accepted. The counsel for Nutt moved to have the trial removed to Alleghany county, which was granted, and is expected to come off within a few weeks. The change is thought to be favorable to Nutt.

QUARTERLY MEETING IN THE EVANGELICAL CHURCH.—Quarterly Conference on Saturday at 2 P. M.; Preaching Saturday night by the P. E. Rev. U. F. Swengel. likewise Sunday Morning and Evening. Communion Service Sunday Morning and children's meeting in the Afternoon. The meetings will be continued nightly during the ensuing week and over the holidays.

ADVICE TO MOTHERS.

Are you disturbed at night and broken of your rest by a sick child suffering and crying with pain of cutting teeth? If so, send at once and get a bottle of MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN TEETHING. Its value is incalculable. It will relieve the poor little sufferer immediately. Depend upon it, mothers, there is no mistake about it. It cures dysentery and diarrhoea, regulates the stomach and bowels, cures wind colic, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, and gives tone and energy to the whole system. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP FOR CHILDREN TEETHING is pleasant to the taste, and is the prescription of one of the oldest and best female physicians and nurses in the United States, and is for sale by all druggists throughout the world. Price 25 cents a bottle.

SPECIAL.—We kindly but urgently ask our patrons who are indebted to us either on subscription or for job work to bring or send the amounts due us. We have been under heavy expenses all summer in building our new office, have added an expensive new cylinder press and contemplate still further improvements. We need money—that's the plain, candid English about it, and will feel doubly obliged to our friends to help us along at this particular time. We ask but what is due us, and what in some cases should have been paid long before. Many of our patrons are very punctual in their payments, and if all would do likewise it would be a real pleasure to publish a paper. We hope however to have many proper responses to our appeal.

—Death is doing his work in our midst. The other week Mrs. Bair was called to the eternal home, and last week Mrs. Rev. Sebastian Musser and Mr. Jonathan Kreamer were summoned to depart. Who will be the next one to go in the community? None can tell—the Lord only knows.

With Mrs. Musser we were but slightly acquainted, but know that she was a member of the Christian church these many years. Mr. Kreamer was widely known. He was born near Millheim and was a prominent citizen here all his life time. His health gradually failed several years ago and he suffered much during the last few weeks; but it is said that he died in peace—reconciled to his God. His age was sixty-two years and some days.

REMOVAL.—Last week the JOURNAL printing office was removed into the new building on Penn street. The moving of a printing office is simply a *fearful* job of work. No one not in the business can at all conceive what it means. It is the hardest kind of labor and as *particular* as hard; and what made it worse in our case was the fact that it struck us at such a very busy time. In fact we are overworked and sincerly beg the indulgence of our readers if the Journal is less interesting and varied than usual. We ask your indulgence and sympathy for a while, until matters again find their proper grooves, after which we will do all that is in us to serve you.

—The bell rope is to go. Its days of usefulness are over. Efforts have been made in the past to remove it, but no improvement could be found until recently. The Pennsylvania railroad, foremost in introducing railroad innovations, has just turned out several large engines, so constructed that the bell rope and gong are dispensed with. The new arrangement is a small cord, connected with the air brake, with a small whistle attachment in the cab near the engineer. The conductor pulls his cord, and the small whistle notifies the engineer. The new arrangement is simpler, cheaper, more durable and more reliable than the old plan and less likely to get out of order.—*Philipsburg Journal.*

—Do not fail to read the very interesting letter, in another column, of our young friend Wm. H. Rote, now at Davis, Ill. William writes with the ease and grace of a Professor of Belles-lettres: and if he don't make his mark in the world—and a bright shining mark at that—we mistake the chap entirely. That's all.

Remarkable Deer Hunt.

Friday while L. H. and C. W. Quiggle were engaged in hauling ties a quarter of a mile east of Pine, a five pronged deer ran by the team. The boys at once gave chase, leaving their horses to take care of themselves. The deer made straight for the river, and reaching it, swam straight for the other side. As luck would have it, a lady made her appearance across the stream and to her the excited men called to chase the animal back. She succeeded in doing this by a vigorous waving of her apron. As the buck again approached the shore on which the men stood, they lost entire control of themselves, and when within eight or ten feet of them, Mr. C. W. Quiggle jumped into the river, made his way to the animal and actually mounted it while in five feet of water. A fierce struggle ensued, but Mr. Quiggle had firm grip upon the horns and held on for dear life. His brother soon came to his rescue in a skiff and succeeded in getting near enough to hand him an open pen knife—the only weapon the brothers had—and the rider of the deer dexterously used the knife on its jugular vein while the other held the animal's head to one side. As the flow of blood caused the deer to loose strength, the boys dragged their victim to shore and then gained an easy victory over it. When dressed it weighed one hundeed and ninety-six pounds. Old hunters state had the water been shallow, Mr. C. W. Quiggle would undoubtedly have been killed by the infuriated and frightened beast.

This story—perfectly truthful—certainly takes the shrine off of all the deer hunts we have so far heard of.—Lock Haven *Democrat.*

Letter from Illinois.

Davis, Stephenson Co., Ill.
Dec. 3. 1883.

Editors Journal:—

I presume you have been wanting to hear from me quite anxiously of late, since my subscription expired several weeks ago. Enclosed find what will remove anxiety and insure a Christmas dinner.

The weather here is very fine for this season of the year. We have had no snow yet. The prophet's predict an open winter. During the latter part of last week one could sit very comfortably in the open air. Dry goods boxes suffered much then. The air is colder now, but the sun shines warm and bright. The farmers, nothing daunted, are plowing for another corn crop, the last crop was a failure, having been injured by the early frosts.

Many of your readers are somewhat acquainted with this town, so they do not need an introduction.

Here are gathered together the representatives of many peoples. The Pennsylvania German, the New England Yankee, the Hollander, Bohemian, Englishman, Irishman, Swede and Norwegian are all thrown together in one promiscous mass. They are all thrifty, honest and intelligent people, having, in a measure, dropped the prejudices and peculiarities of their native countries and joined themselves together as one people—Americans. Still, one can not fail to notice the tall blue-eyed, fair-haired daughters of the Northland; and in the men, too, one can behold the ancient sea kings and vikings and scalds, not less rugged and bold than their sturdy ancestors. They are perhaps not so noisy as their forefathers; but walking up street, of an evening, past a saloon kept by one of their countrymen, a good idea can be obtained, occasionally, of

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This is the home of the Rev. Daniel Kreamer, formerly of Millheim. In point of size and wheight he is no disgrace to the Kreamer family; and as a divine he is an ornament to the sacred profession. He is one of the main stays of the Evangelical church in this section and enjoys the confidence and esteem of all who know him. Here, also, resides my friend and colaborer Prof. David Brown. He is a native of Hublersburg, Centre Co., Pa. Since leaving his native state he has been engaged in teaching and stands high in the profession. Recognizing the fact that a bachelor does not live, but only *stays*, at a place, Mr. Brown passed under the conjugal yoke with a very estimable young lady of the town and is now as happy as the day is long. So David lives here, I don't. Before I close I must not fail to mention a gentleman well known to the people of the valleys namely Prof. Ezra Smith late of Spring Mills. He has his home at Dakota and is engaged in teaching music. At present he is instructing four large vocal classes besides a number of violin students. Ezra is prospering as are all of the Pennsylvania boys. He seems to have a "corner" in the music business and by energy and enthusiasm has gotton up a regular boom. Prof. Smith is well received everywhere, especially by the ladies and you know it would be a poor singing school without them.

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W. H. ROTE.

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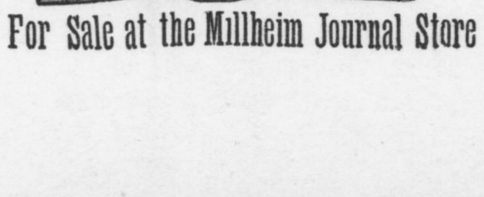
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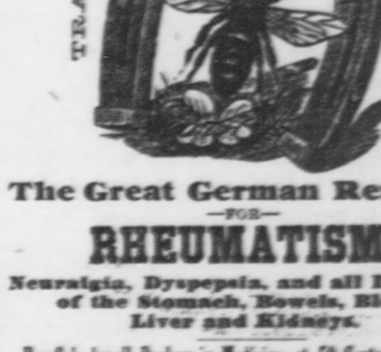
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FIRST SESSION.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 6.—The Senate was called to order at noon.

Among the bills introduced were the following: By Mr. Lapham, limiting a portion of the naval appropriation act. [It provides that that portion of the act approved August 5, 1882, limiting the number of graduates of the Naval Academy to be retained in service each year, shall not apply to those classes who had completed the four years' course at the Naval Academy prior to the passage of the act; and authorizes the return to the service of those members of the class of 1881 who have been honorably discharged under the provisions of the said act.]

By Mr. Call, to disqualify judges of the Supreme Court from sitting in the trial of causes which have been previously heard before them at circuit or otherwise.

By Mr. Brown, for the settlement of accounts between the United States and such railroad companies as received property from the United State in 1865 and 1866, and that have made full payment for the same, or who, upon adjustment of their accounts, shall be found to have paid their indebtedness on account of such property. In this adjustment the abatement in respect to valuation of such property shall not exceed 25 per cent.; the basis of settlement to be the same as that with the Western and Atlantic Railroad in 1877.

By Mr. Groome to provide for the construction of the Maryland and Delaware free ship canal as a means of military and naval defense and for commercial purposes. [The canal is to connect the waters of the Chesapeake and Delaware bays; is to be 100 feet wide at bottom, 26 feet below mean low water, and 178 feet wide at low-water level with locks 600 feet by sixty in the chamber, and sufficiently deep to allow the passage of vessels drawing 23 feet of water; and the Secretary of war is authorized to make the necessary surveys, and to negotiate with the owners of property along the course of the canal, and if satisfactory terms cannot be reached, then to condemn the land. One million dollars are appropriated for the purposes of the bill.]

By Mr. Morgan, to define the jurisdiction of the circuit and district courts of the United States. [It provides that no district or circuit court shall have or exercise jurisdiction to enforce the collection of any tax levied in the states under the laws thereof.]

The following joint resolutions were offered; By Mr. Butler, to provide an amendment to the fifteenth amendment to the constitution, inserting the word "nativity," so as to make the article read: "The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged on account of nativity, race, color or previous condition of servitude."

By Mr. Lapham, a joint resolution proposing an amendment to the constitution giving women the right of suffrage.

By Mr. Morgan, proposing an amendment to the constitution by which the President shall have power to disapprove any item of appropriations for rivers or harbors while approving other items.

A resolution offered by Mr. Call, to be referred to the committee on foreign relations when appointed, requests the President to demand of the Spanish government repayment to citizens of the United States of money paid by them on shipments of cattle from the United States to Cuba.

At the expiration of the morning hour the Senate adjourned to Monday next.

HOUSE.

Mr. McCoid, of Iowa, appeared at the bar of the House and took the oath of office, and then, at 12.10 the House adjourned until Monday.

LATEST NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 9.—News has reached Aden, Egypt, that a force of hill tribes has attacked and annihilated five companies of Egyptians outside Suakim. Only fifty Egyptians, half of whom were officers, escaped.

Admiral Courbet in a private letter from Tonquin expresses eagerness to march on the enemy.

Several ports of the Hovas have been destroyed by the French fleet in Madagascan waters.

It is rumored in Berlin that another meeting of the Emperors of Germany, Russia and Austria will take place.

The Czar and German ambassadors to Russia were present at the St. George's winter palace in St. Petersburg.

Signor Lovito and Baron Nicotera, who fought a duel in Rome on Friday, will be prosecuted. Signor Lovito has resigned the secretaryship of the ministry of the interior. Msgr. Savaraz, formerly the domestic prelate in the Pope's household, yesterday was received into the Protestant Episcopal Church and abjured the Catholic faith.

Laban Stephens has been convicted of the murder of Anderson Lackey at Jackson, O. The Jones brothers have been convicted of the same crime, and will be hanged December 21.

A bill has been introduced in the South Carolina Legislature modifying the railway laws of the State. The bill seeks to curtail the powers of the railroad commission, which, it is claimed, have been exercised to the hurt of the railways.

United States Commissioner Samuel Patterson, of Lynchburg, Va., committed a colored mail carrier named Wm. Henry Callaway to jail in default of $5,000 bail, on the charge of robbing the mail between Roanoke and Cave Springs, Roanoke county. He confessed the crime.

The final decree was entered in the Chancery Court in Nashville, Tenn., by which $300,000 assets of the Bank of the State of Tennessee are to be distributed to the noteholders. A half-million dollars in outstanding notes of this bank, issued during the war, are to be funded and made receivable for taxes.

Articles of incorporation have been filed at Cheyenne, W. T., by the Wyoming, Yellowstone Park and Pacific Railway Company. The road will run through the coal, iron, soda and petroleum region of Western Wyoming, in the National Park and Montana, and its construction will begin in the spring.

Dr. J. M. Shea, an alleged spiritualist and materializer, has been arrested in Chicago, together with George Mastow, his assistant, and held to bail. He was taking large sums of money at exhibitions in which he purported to materialize the spirits of the dead. Officers brought into court his equipment, comprising wigs, false faces, laces, petticoats, flowing robes, white plumes and a bespangled girdle which his "White Prince" of Oriental fame wears when he comes from the spirit land. The court-room was scarcely able to contain the immense number of excited victims when Shea was tried.

Over $16,000 was cleared by the fair for the German Home of the Aged at Baltimore.

The Mount Hickory Rolling Mills, at Erie, Pa., have been totally destroyed. The loss is estimated at $200,000; insurance $90,000.

The Assessment Lists show that the valuation of property in South Carolina is $150,-609,304, a gain during the year of $5,167,012.

The American Cotton Mills, at Gloucester, Mass., have been totally destroyed by fire. Loss estimated at $40,000; insurance $30,-000.

The South Carolina Senate has rejected a bill reported from the judiciary committee providing means for the legal dissolution of the marriage tie.

GENERAL NEWS.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—Ex-Minister Nicotera, of Italy, was killed in a duel in Rome yesterday by Signor Lovito, whom he had insulted.

Fourteen thousand workmen are idle by reason of the strike of colliery boys in the Yorkshire mines.

The damage by the fire in the palace of the Legislative Chamber in Brussels is placed at 12,000,000 francs.

A terrible story of the treatment of prisoners in the St. Petersburg bastion comes from a nihilist confined there.

The French Chamber of Deputies yesterday discussed the Tonquin credit bill. It is said in Paris that no notes have passed between M. Ferry and the Marquis Tseng since Nov. 30.

Wesley Posey, colored, has been convicted at Birmingham, Alabama, of outraging a little white girl and the penalty fixed at death.

At Trenton, N. J., a decision was rendered in the Dinsmore suit, denying the application for a preliminary injunction to prevent the leasing of the New Jersey Central to the Reading, but reserving the right to renew the application at any time.

But three persons were saved from the steamer Manistee, which foundered recently on Lake Superior. Nine persons left the steamer in a lifeboat, and six of them died or were drowned before they reached land. The crew, captain and ten or eleven passengers went down with the steamer.

A despatch from San Francisco says it is reported that a wheat freight pool composed of Solomon Wangenheim, M. Waterman & Co., and others lost two million to three million dollars by the heavy fall in rates. Claus Spreckles was caught to the extent of three hundred thousand dollars.

The state police are now investigating the doings of a New Bedford firm which it is alleged, manufactures organs in the cheapest manner, and by means of circulars sent broadcast, sells them for fabulous prices to the unitiated. It is believed that the firm disposed of about twenty-five thousand organs during the past year at a profit of from $150,000 to $200,000.

In Chicago John Fleming and Frank L. Loring were convicted for participation in what are known as the "Fund W" frauds. A firm known as Fleming & Merriam advertised to do a commission business on the Chicago Board of Trade, and induced a great many people to invest in "Fund W" It is estimated that they collected more than $100,000 which they contend to be using in speculation on the Board of Trade.

A special from Raleigh, N. C., says: "The town of Williamston, Martin county, is in ashes. The entire business portion of the town was burned last night. The following named merchants were burned out: J. W. Davenport & Co., C. B. Hassell, Geo. W. Williams, S. R. Biggs, J. T. Deans, Wm. Slade, Peal & Gurganus, B. B. Watts & Co., N. S. Godward, J. A. Robinson, A. R. Rogerson, Luke B. Robertson & Co., Peal & Groves, and J. D. Biggs & Co., and the postoffice and telegraph office. The fire was discovered at 15 minutes to 1 o'clock, and originated in the store of J. D. Biggs & Co. There is some insurance, but it is not known how much. The steamer Commerce, of the Baltimore, Roanoke and Norfolk Line, lying at the wharf, was also burned, with 250 bales of cotton on board. The steamer and cargo are both fully insured.

LONDON, Dec. 6.—It is reported from Pekin that the Chinese government refuses to withdraw or modify its claims in regard to Tonquin. Admiral Courbet reports that the French attack on Sontay has not yet begun. The Paris newspaper La Liberte says that England is taking energetic steps to bring about a treaty between France and China, and it believes that peaceful negotiations have made progress.

England and Spain will renew negotiations for a commercial treaty.

The fire in Constantinople on Wednesday destroyed 600 houses.

The Chamber of Deputies in Brussels has been destroyed by fire.

Sir Henry James, attorney-general, has written a letter taking exception to the manner of conducting O'Donnell's defense.

The ex-minister of the interior and the present secretary of the ministry of the interior of Italy quarreled yesterday in the lobby of the Chambers, and the latter sent a challenge to the ex-minister.

LONDON, Dec. 1.—O'Donnell, the slayer of Carey, the informer, was yesterday found guilty of murder, and was sentenced to death. The jury was out only two hours.

The reported evacuation of Bac-Ninh and Sontay is not yet confirmed.

Archbishop Cooke, of Dublin, in an address yesterday, spoke hopefully of Ireland's future.

Hicks Pasha is said by an eyewitness to have been slain by a lance on the third day of the battle. His army had been without water for three days, and suffered terribly.

More trouble is apprehended in Newry, Ireland. The Nationalists were to have had a torchlight procession last night, but in view of a threatened riot, the procession was forbidden.

At the National Butter, Cheese and Egg Association at Cincinnati a report was read showing that the total value of butter, cheese, eggs and poultry marketed in the United States in 1883 amounts to more than $600,-000,000.

Seven severe shocks of earthquake occurred Dec. 5, at Rovenden Springs, Arkansas. They lasted forty seconds, and broke glassware and crockery in stores and houses. Large rocks were loosened and fell in the cuts of Kansas City, Springfield and Memphis Railroad near by. One shock was accompanied by a loud noise, and there was a violent jar of the earth.

LONDON, Dec. 5.—The Chinese Admiral Peng yu Lin has notified all foreigners that war with France is imminent.

A great fire raged in a part of Constantinople yesterday.

Lord Lorne has delivered a lecture on the advantages of Canada as a place of residence.

Efforts are being made to induce the jury which convicted O'Donnell to recommend the commutation of his sentence.

The English newspapers express disappointment that the President's Message did not recommend reductions in the tariff at this session of Congress.

TOPICS OF THE DAY.

Mexico's debt is $117,000,000, of which sum Englishmen hold about $85,000,000. The rest is held in New York. The republic's annual revenue is about $33,000,000, mainly from the stamp tax and tariff duties.

Speaking of the beneficial effects upon consumptives attributed to spruce forests, a writer in a Providence paper predicts that the day will come when pine and spruce pillows will be as frequent household appurtenances in New England as the quinine bottle has long been in Western States.

More than fifty patents for the making of ammonia have been taken out within the last two years in England, America, Belgium, France, Austria, and Germany. Many of the schemes have been patented in all the countries at once. The patents apply to gas works, oil works, blast furnaces, alkali works and sewage works. Ammonia seems to share with electricity the present attention of the patentee world.

Unlike the other Western states, Colorado is not only a shipper of agricultural products, but is actually compelled to rely on its neighboring states for its supply. Weld, Laramie, and Boulder are about the only agricultural counties, but it is hoped that, with the system of irrigation which has been inaugurated, farming will be made more profitable and the state at least self-sustaining in this respect.

The immense wealth which Russia possesses in turf beds is but little appreciated. Its exploitation is only developed in a few provinces, and by some of the railway companies turf is used as a combustible. Considering, however, that beds of turf exist in Russia covering 70,000 square miles, which would furnish sufficient material to provide all Russia with light for 16,000 years, this seems indeed to be hiding their light under a bushel.

The new sword of State recently completed for his royal nibs, the King of Siam, is double-edged, spear-shaped and fifteen inches long. Toward the hilt it is inlaid with gold of varying tints, wrought in different devices, the figure of Buddha being prominent on each side. The handle, which has no cross-guard, is seven inches in length, and consists of enameled work studded with diamonds, while the sheath is one entire piece of wrought gold, set with precious stones.

Cracked earthenware should never be used for domestic purposes. It is a safe rule in good housekeeping to break any fractured stoneware to pieces and render them quite unfitted for any employment as utensils. In a paper read before the Academy of Sciences, Paris, M. E. Peyrusson demonstrated very clearly how the germs of cholera, typhoid fever and similar diseases may be preserved and communicated by even the slightest crack or fissure, which may be caused by very trifling accidents to crockery and faience.

Sir James Paget, one of the most eminent of British surgeons, recently addressed the workingmen's college, London, on the subject of recreation. He says that recreation does not consist, as many persons wrongly imagine, in idleness, but rather in diversion, and in the employment of different sets of mental faculties from those which are used in the ordinary business of life. Sir James Paget analyzed true recreation as consisting to a greater or less degree of the elements of uncertainty, wonder and the exercise of unwonted or unusual skill.

In his recently published book on "Farm Fences," Professor Scott estimates that five dollars is invested in fences for every acre of inclosed land in Great Britain and Ireland, and that the annual maintenance of fences costs about seventy-five cents an acre. The total capital thus invested in the United Kingdom must be, at this rate, nearly $250,000,000, and the annual outlay about $32,000,000. Professor Scott believes that a great deal of fencing might be dispensed with to the positive advantage of agriculture, and that the general introduction of wire instead of wood would effect a great additional saving.

Standard of Education.

According to Ruskin, an educated man ought to know these things: First, where he is—that is to say, what sort of a world he has got into; how large it is, what kind of creatures live in it, and how; what it is made of, and what may be made of it. Secondly, where he is going—that is to say, what chances or reports there are of any other world beside this; what seems to be the nature of that other world. Thirdly, what he had best do under the circumstances—that is to say, what kind of faculties he possesses; what are the present state and wants of mankind; what is his place in society; and what are the readiest means in his power of attaining happiness and diffusing it. The man who knows these things, and who has his will so subdued in the learning of them that he is ready to do what he knows he ought, is an educated man; and the man who knows them not is uneducated, though he could talk all the tongues of Babel.

CHILDREN'S COLUMN.

The Christmas Tree.

The custom is of very ancient observance. Its birthplace is Egypt. The tree there used was the palm, and the ceremony was in full force long before the days of Antony and Cleopatra. The palm puts forth a fresh shoot every month. In the time of the winter solstice, when parties were given in ancient Mizraim, a spray of this tree, with twelve shoots, was suspended, to symbolize the completion of another year. The custom passed into Italy, where the fir-tree was employed for the purposes of celebration and its pyramidal tips were decorated with burning candles in honor of Satura. This festival, the Saturnalia, was observed at the winter solstice, from the 17th to the 21st of December. The Sigilaria days for interchanging presents of figures in wax, like those on the Christmas tree, followed, and finally the Juvenalia, when men become boys with boys, matrons turned children once again, and young and old indulged in the solemn romps with which the festival closed. That the Egyptian tree passed into Germany may be seen in the pyramids which sometimes there are substituted for the tree. But the antique Northern mythology has supplied most of the observances. The Juel Fest was the midwinter "Wheel Feast," and the wheel represented the circling years, which end but to begin again.

A Christmas-Box.

It wasn't a pretty box all trimmed with paper-lace and embossed pictures and filled with bon-bons.

It was made of wood, and once upon a time, it came to Mr. Daley's store full of soap. It was under Mr. Daley's counter that very afternoon before Christmas, when Dakie Lane came to buy ten cents worth of raisins and a pound of sugar and a pound of crackers and a very little spice.

"Going to have a pudding?" asked Mr. Daley's boy, weighing out the sugar.

"Yes," said Dakie. "And I want a stick of candy, too, if you please, to put in the baby's stocking. There's a cent."

It was a very large cent, and it shone as if Dakie had polished it.

"That's worth two sticks," said the grocer-boy. "We don't often get such a shiny one. What're you going to have in your stocking?"

"Nothing, I guess," said Dakie; "I'm too old. I'm going to be the baby's Santa Claus."

"Oh," said the grocer-boy, wrapping up the two sticks of candy; and Dakie didn't see him pay for one of them out of his own pocket. "That's it."

A lady-customer at the other end of the counter was giving Mr. Daley a good many orders, but she had ears for the conversation on between Dakie and the grocer-boy, and she smiled at Dakie as she went past him out of the store-door.

Perhaps that would have been the end of it, if, on her way home in her carriage a little later, she had not passed Dakie again with one arm full of his small parcels. Just at that minute a big dog bounced up against him, and down went Dakie on the sidewalk; and the paper of sugar burst open, and the raisins were scattered about, and more than half of the crackers went into the gutter.

"Oh dear me!" said Dakie, as he began manfully to repair as much of the mischief as he could.

"No pudding now," thought the lady; and in a minute more she was being driven back to Mr. Daley's store.

There the soap-box was pulled out from under the counter, and into it went all sorts of nice things; raisins and currants and figs and nuts and candies, until it was quite full. Then the cover was nailed on and Mr. Daly's man was hurried away with it to Dakie's home, where it arrived almost as soon as Dakie himself.

"Why, why, who sent it?" cried Dakie.

"I don't know," said Mr. Daley's man.

But Dakie knew the moment he read, in big letters on the cover, "For the baby's Santa Claus."

"It was the lady!" cried he. Oh, isn't she—beautiful!"

"Bu'ful!" echoed the baby.—*Youth's Companion.*

Bonanza Flood's new palace, to be erected on the north side of California street, San Francisco, will be a two-story and basement structure of 100x100 feet superficial area. The foundations will contain 1,000,000 bricks. The central hall will be 45x32 feet and 25 feet high; the dining-room, 45x30; the library, 26x39; the grand reception-room, 26x29; the drawing-room, 45x30, and the hall and music-room, 50x37. These last three rooms may be thrown open and made one. No estimate of the cost has been made public.

Since the days of the Stuarts the increase of wealth in England has been more rapid than the increase of population. In 1860 the wealth of England and Wales was equal to £45 per head; in 1872 it was £127, and last year, £249. Public wealth had quadrupled since the Waterloo epoch, and doubled since the accession of Queen Victoria. Since 1840 wealth has increased four times more rapidly than population.

Sweet Charity.

The Virginia City, Nev., "Enterprise," relates that a pair of robins and a pair of cat-birds had nests near the residence of a gentleman of that place, and hatched out their young about the same time. One day the cat-birds were missed, having probably been shot. The young cat-birds were in danger of starvation, and when the robins came home with worms for their young, the little cat-birds opened their mouths and made a great out-cry. The robins understood the appeal, and began feeding them. They did not do what they had undertaken by halves. Each evening the female robin sat on her own nest, and warmed with her body her own young, while the male robin took the nest of cat-birds. In this way both broods were reared, the little orphans growing up as strong and lively as though they had been cared for all through by their own parents.

Maryland to the Front.

The Hon. Oden Bowie, Ex-Governor of Maryland, President of the Baltimore City Passenger Railway Co., also President of the Maryland Jockey Club says:—Both in my family and in my private stables, as well as those of the City Passenger Railway Co. I have for several years used St. Jacob's Oil most satisfactorily." Such a statement ought to convince every reader of this paper.

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Olive-Growing in California.

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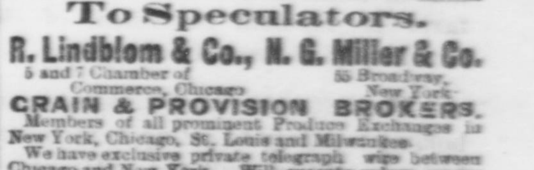
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